



Austin City Council MINUTES For

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 1:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 10, 1991**

Mayor Todd called to order the Special Called meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all members.

1:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. a. Proposed Water and Wastewater rates
- b. Proposed residential and commercial garbage collection fees

Closed the public hearing, on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 Vote.

Mayor Todd told Council that he would like to adjourn the meeting until 3:30 P.M. because Mayor Pro Tem Urdy would have to leave to teach a class and the Mayor wanted to have the entire Council present for all voting on the budget. There was discussion and the following motion was made:

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, voted to recess the meeting until 3:30 P.M. 4-2 Vote, Councilmembers Epstein and Larson voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy abstained.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed from 1:23 to 4:00 P.M.

ORDINANCES

2. Approved second reading establishing a Transportation User Fee. (Estimated cost of implementation amount to \$450,000.00; funding included in the 1991-92 Transportation Fund.)

On Councilmember Garcia's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's second, 4-3

Vote, Councilmembers Epstein, Nofziger and Reynolds voted No.

Council determined that on third reading the language of the ordinance will be changed to exempt persons 65 and over and those with disabilities that prevented them from driving.

3. Approved second reading establishing setting a Transportation User Fee rate according to Option 3 for Fiscal Year 1991-92.

On Councilmember Garcia's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's second, 4-3 Vote, Councilmembers Nofziger, Reynolds and Epstein voted No.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Reynolds' motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, approved suspending the rules and applicable provisions of the City Code related to posting and presentation of ordinance amendments and to consider the budget on three (3) consecutive days. 7-0 Vote.

Operating Budget

4. Approved first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1991 and terminating September 30, 1992 and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including the errata.

On Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, 7-0 Vote.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Epstein's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, approved a motion to reconsider the above item. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Todd said the motion to reconsider was needed in order for Council to be able to vote on amendments to the operating budget.

Motion Still on Table

Still on the table was the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Urdy, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1991 and terminating September 30, 1992 and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including the errata.

Amendments to the Operating Budget

Motion

Councilmember Garcia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger, to increase the proposed tax rate to \$.6027 and to increase the property tax revenues by \$5,514,214.00. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

Councilmember Epstein made a motion to appropriate \$1,660,900 for increased public safety, including 47 officers and 26 civilians to the Police Department. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Epstein's second, approved \$1,000,000 for youth services, as outlined in the budget. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

Councilmember Urdy made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Larson to approve \$1,361,314 for infrastructure, as outlined in the budget. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger, to amend the motion concerning health care as follows: (7-0 Vote)

- \$400,000 North Austin Clinic, to open 9/92
- 250,000 Improved staffing & Saturday hours at South Austin Clinic
- 400,000 contracted primary medical care
- 160,000 health information system
- 142,000 prescription drugs
- 140,000 enhanced denture program
- \$1,492,000

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Urdy made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to amend the proposed budget for the General Fund by including additional revenues of \$941,641, deleting \$50,000 in wage adjustments and decreasing the transfer to the Environmental Fund by \$45,700 (for funding provided by the Drainage Fund).

Friendly Amendment

Councilmember Nofziger offered a friendly amendment to add \$100,000.00 from the General Government CIP Fund for park maintenance. The amendment was accepted.

Roll Call on Motion with Friendly Amendment

7-0 Vote

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds second, voted to restore recreation hours at \$59,000. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epstein to increase funding for parks maintenance by \$100,000. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to add \$100,000.00 for UT walking beat. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0 with Councilmember Larson abstaining.

Motion

Councilmember Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds for two FTE's for revenue compliance (Finance) for \$70,000. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds to fund \$160,00 for AIDS services (generic, specific agency to be determined later). 7-0 Vote.

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epstein for \$100,000 in additional child care resources. Motion passed by a 7-0 Vote.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember Reynolds second restored the horticulture position for \$6,000. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, restored library hours with funding of \$72,000. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Epstein's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's second, voted to provide eight (8) additional park police for \$216,000. 7-0 Vote.

(Mayor Pro Tem Urdy took the chair for the following motion.)

Motion

Mayor Todd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger, to continue benefits for MAP patients between 100% and 200% of poverty in the sum of \$100,000. Motion passed with 7-0 Vote.

Enterprise Funds

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epstein to set the Drainage Fund fee at \$3.32 and take \$35,000 out of the Drainage Fund for dredging of Barton Springs pool. 7-0 Vote.

Motion

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to amend the Convention Center Operating Fund to increase the transfer from the Operating Reserve Fund from \$3,759,457 to

\$4,875,267 and appropriate \$1,115,810 for furniture, fixtures and equipment and improvements to the Trask House. 7-0 Vote.

Roll Call on Main Motion to Approve Budget with Amendments

7-0 Vote

Capital Budget

Motion

Councilmember Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds to approve first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1991 and terminating September 30, 1992, and making appropriations for each department, project and account.

Friendly Amendment - FAILED

Councilmember Nofziger offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to delete the South Austin Outfall, Phase II, from the budget. Amendment FAILED by vote of 2-5 with Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy and Councilmembers Epstein, Larson and Reynolds voting No.

Amendments to Capital Budget

Motion

Councilmember Larson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, to change the sizing of the South Austin Outfall from 42" to 48" as recommended by staff. Motion passed by a vote of 4-3 with Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger and Mayor Todd voting No.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Epstein's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, amended the Capital Budget by appropriating \$37,500 to the Caswell Tennis Center. 7-0 Vote. (Contingent on a 3-1 match)

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epstein to increase the handicapped access allotment by \$142,500. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Roll Call on Motion to Approve the Capital Budget, as Amended

7-0 Vote

Ad Valorem Taxes

Motion

Councilmember Epstein made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds to approve first reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas, in the amount of 60.27 cents for fiscal year 1991-92; and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; approval of property tax exemptions for historic property, persons with disabilities and elderly person; directing the assessment and collecting thereof; validating all prior Ad Valorem taxes. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

Fees, Rates and Services

Motion

Councilmember Garcia made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Urdy to approve first reading of certain ordinances authorizing fees, rates and charges for City services and use of City facilities. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Water and Wastewater Rates

Motion

The Council on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's second, approved first reading of an Ordinance adopting Water and Wastewater rates. 7-0 Vote.

Garbage Collection Fees

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, approved first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving monthly residential and commercial garbage collection fees. 6-1 Vote, Councilmember Epstein voted No.

Civil Service

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, approved first reading of an Ordinance providing for the number and rank of positions in the classified Civil Service of the Police Department and Fire Department. 7-0 Vote.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

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